

**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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Water Resources Advisory Commission (WRAC) Issues Workshop  
Kissimmee Basin Water Supply Plan Update  
Kissimmee Civic Center  
201 East Dakin Ave., Kissimmee Florida 34741  
Tuesday, December 6, 2005  
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Attending

Terry Clark  
Debbie Bradshaw  
Christine Russell  
Demise Judy  
Rob Denis  
Jim Yallaly

Brian Wheeler  
Ted McKim  
Jason Herrick  
Al Alkens  
Chancey Spingstead  
Dale Jenkins

Elizabeth Thomas  
Anil Desai  
David MacIntyre  
Richard Earp

Staff:

Keith Smith  
Jim Jackson

Chris Sweazy

Kate Edgerton

1. Welcome and Introductions by Chris Sweazy, Kissimmee Basin Project Manager, Planning and Resource Evaluation.

The meeting was called to order by Chris Sweazy at 10:10 a.m. Mr. Sweazy provided introductory comments. All attendees introduced themselves and stated their affiliation.

Mr. Sweazy reported on the past meeting and the Governing Board action regarding grants and stated that this would be part of today's discussion. The purpose of today's meeting is to review details of funding for grants, provide a roll-up of projects that have been reviewed and inform the group about where staff will go in the future.

2. Initial Alternative Water Supply Projects – (Fiscal Year 2006) by Keith Smith, Deputy Director, Water Supply Department.

Mr. Smith explained the selection process used for selecting alternative water supply projects for funding consistent with Senate Bill 444. Recommended projects were approved by the Governing Board in October 2005.

FY2006 Alternative Water Supply funding was explained. There will be a total of \$30.7 million in District funds, \$30.0 million in State funds (Senate Bill 444), for a total of \$60.7 million for alternative water supply projects.

Information on the types of project funded District-wide and for the Kissimmee Basin was provided. A location map of projects funded for 2006 was shown.

### Question and Answer Session:

Will Everglades projects provide water?

Mr. Smith said that some water is expected to be developed as part of the CERP projects, but there is no guarantee when the Everglades projects will be completed and funding for those projects is kept separate from funding for the alternative water supply projects.

### 3. Status of Proposed Future Water Supply Projects – (Fiscal Years 2007-2025) by Chris Sweazy.

Mr. Sweazy presented information on key requirements of Senate Bill 444 and reviewed funding for alternative water supply for FY 2007-2025. The estimated annual funds anticipated to be available for each year beyond 2006 is \$36 million dollars.

To date, there have been 288 potential projects submitted for alternative water supply funding District-wide, 65 of which were submitted from the Kissimmee Basin. Of the 65 projects, 63 were submitted from public utilities, 1 was submitted from a private entity and 1 was agricultural (generic). Kissimmee Basin potential projects include reclaimed water projects, groundwater projects, surface water projects, and storage/other.

### Question and Answer Session:

Is there still time to submit projects?

Mr. Sweazy indicated there was still time to submit new projects for consideration but that the District was encouraging these to be submitted before the end of December if possible.

### 4. Discussion of Additional Potential Projects, by Keith Smith

Mr. Smith presented information on the future steps which are to be used to analyze potential projects; identify need for additional projects to meet projected 2025 demand; and work with utilities and other entities to develop additional projects.

There will be briefing regarding the potential alternative water supply projects to the full WRAC on January 5, 2006 and a briefing to the Governing Board on January 11, 2006.

Mr. Sweazy said that all of the 65 potential projects in the KB may not be included in the KBWSP. He said he would email the potential project list to the group and asked that additional projects be submitted.

### Question and Answer Session:

Will projects get filtered out of the potential project list prior to the list being presented to the WRAC committee?

Mr. Smith said the WRAC will receive the entire list of potential projects and give the Governing Board a filtered list plus additional projects that were not included on the list.

Comment- there is little time to interact with the District.

Mr. Smith said the decision point is when the projects go into the water supply plans which should allow additional time for comments.

Comment- utilities have filtered what is on the list.

Mr. Sweazy said that projects identified to serve customers in the Kissimmee Basin meet the definition to be included on the list. Mr. Sweazy advised to submit all projects being considered, but this does not commit the utility to pursue the project.

#### 5. Break- omitted by consensus

#### 6. Discussion of Available KB Planning Documents, by Chris Sweazy

Mr. Sweazy distributed drafts of the 2006 KBWSP appendices for public review and comment. He explained that the summary of the demand chapter would be available in a month.

#### Questions and Public Comment.

Comment: Was potable and reclaimed water broken out when making projections?  
Mr. Sweazy said that the estimates are not separated in the table.

Comment: Are there plans to use surface water in the KB?

Mr. Sweazy said that the District is creating a tool to evaluate surface water from the Chain of Lakes.

#### 7. Plan Schedule and Future Workshops, by Chris Sweazy

Mr. Sweazy presented the schedule for the Kissimmee Basin Water Supply Plan. The revised plan development schedule shows plan completion by July of 2006.

#### 8. Adjourn at 12:10 p.m.

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Chris Sweazy  
Kissimmee Basin Project Manager  
Orlando Service Center  
Water Resources Advisory Commission

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Kate Edgerton, Staff Planner